



OPEN LETTER
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An Open Letter To Maryland Residents from Maryland Family Institute Regarding The Proposed Inclusion Of An Abortion Amendment In The Maryland Constitution.

Dear Maryland Residents,

We, the leadership of the Maryland Family Institute, urge you to consider the negative ramifications of the Maryland Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment slated for the November 5, 2024, ballot.

This proposed constitutional amendment demands your careful attention and a firm conscientious NO vote.

A "no" vote would reject abortion on demand, for any reason, at any time. A "no" vote would pave the way for future laws recognizing the value of life in the womb, safeguarding preborn Marylanders, ensuring that such laws aren't precluded by this proposed addition to the Maryland Constitution.

A "yes" vote on this amendment would enshrine, without restriction, the deliberate termination of an unborn child's life within the womb through abortion.

This amendment **attempts to cement Maryland's abortion laws** which are already some of **the most extreme** in the country. Maryland already allocates \$20 million annually to fund abortions, surpassing most states. It is appalling Maryland directs hard-earned taxpayer funds to prop up the predatory abortion industry. This amendment will limit alternatives to abortion as it redirects resources that could otherwise be used for prenatal, perinatal, and maternal care as well as adoption and foster care.

To promote abortion in this state, Maryland's abortion industry plans out abortion days for mothers, offering childcare for mothers' other children on the same day that it schedules the murder of the child in the womb. This extremism attracts out-of-staters seeking late-term abortions for reasons prohibited in their home states.

This amendment would **encourage repealing any essential criminal penalties and legal limitations** on abortion providers, which will enable life-threatening and

hazardous abortion procedures to persist with virtually no accountability. Further, repeals of mandatory reporting laws in this state have led to the denial of justice for victims of rape or sex trafficking, as these crimes will no longer be reported.

Lastly, this amendment will **undermine parental rights** as there is no notification necessary to parents that their child is seeking an abortion if, based on the physician's assessment, that minor demonstrates 'maturity' and 'capability' to provide informed consent to undergo an abortion.

Maryland's abortion laws have reached an alarming level of relentlessness, surpassing some of the nation's most extreme propositions. This Amendment legally codifies that extremism, urging voters to condone the termination of innocent lives in the womb. It solidifies restrictions that would make it virtually impossible to implement any reasonable limitations on abortion practices in the future.

This amendment disregards the sanctity of life and compromises the well-being of women and girls. We implore you to join us in voting "no" on this amendment, preserving the sanctity of life and advocating for alternatives that genuinely support women, children, and Maryland families.

Sincerely,



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